H. R. 353.

REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE OF CLAIMS.

JANUARY 8, 1827.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A BILL

For the relief of Marinus W. Gilbert.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives 1 of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That 2 the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department 3 be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to ascertain 4 and settle the claim of Marinus W. Gilbert, late a Sutler in 5 the Army of the United States, on account of goods, wares, 6 and merchandises, (being his Sutler's stores,) which were 7 captured or destroyed by the British at French Mills, Con-8 stable, and Malone, in February, eighteen hundred and four-9 teen, or were destroyed by the United States' troops, by order 10 of the commanding officer, to prevent their falling into the 11 hands of the enemy, on the evacuation of the post at the 12 French Mills, at the time aforesaid, (the said Marinus W. 13 Gilbert having been prevented from removing his said pro-14 perty to places of safety, by the teams which he had provided 15 for the purpose, by the impressment of those teams into the 16 service of the United States Army, by order of the command-17 ing officer:) Provided, The said Marinus shall produce satis-18

- 19 factory proof of the quantity and value of said goods, at cost,
- 20 and including carriage: And provided, the allowance for the
- 21 same shall not exceed three thousand dollars in amount.

- SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the amount there-
- 2 of, when so ascertained, shall be paid out of any money in
- 8 the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.